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ATTENTION:	Food Services Directors	
SUBJECT:	Identification of Blended Soy Products – Final Regulation	
REFERENCE:	Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations Part 210.10 and Part 220.8	

This Management Bulletin provides the United States Department of Agriculture requirements regarding the identification of blended soy products in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The final rule on the identification of blended soy products was published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 2001 and affects Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations Part 210.10 and Part 200.8. The final rule ensures that program participants have the correct information regarding the use of blended products and dishes. Blended soy products containing more than 30 parts fully hydrated vegetable protein to less than 70 parts beef, pork, poultry, or seafood must be identified as a blended product. This must be done in such a manner that does not characterize the product or dish solely as beef, pork, poultry, or seafood. This provision is intended to ensure that program participants are informed regarding the use of blended products and dishes.

For example, if a blended soy product containing more than 30 parts fully hydrated vegetable protein is used in conjunction with ground beef to make tacos, the tacos cannot be labeled as beef tacos on the menu.

If you have any questions, please contact your Nutrition Services Division Representative directly or Kathy Mackey, Nutrition Education Specialist, at (916) 324-0578, (800) 952-5609 or kmackey@cde.ca.gov.

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